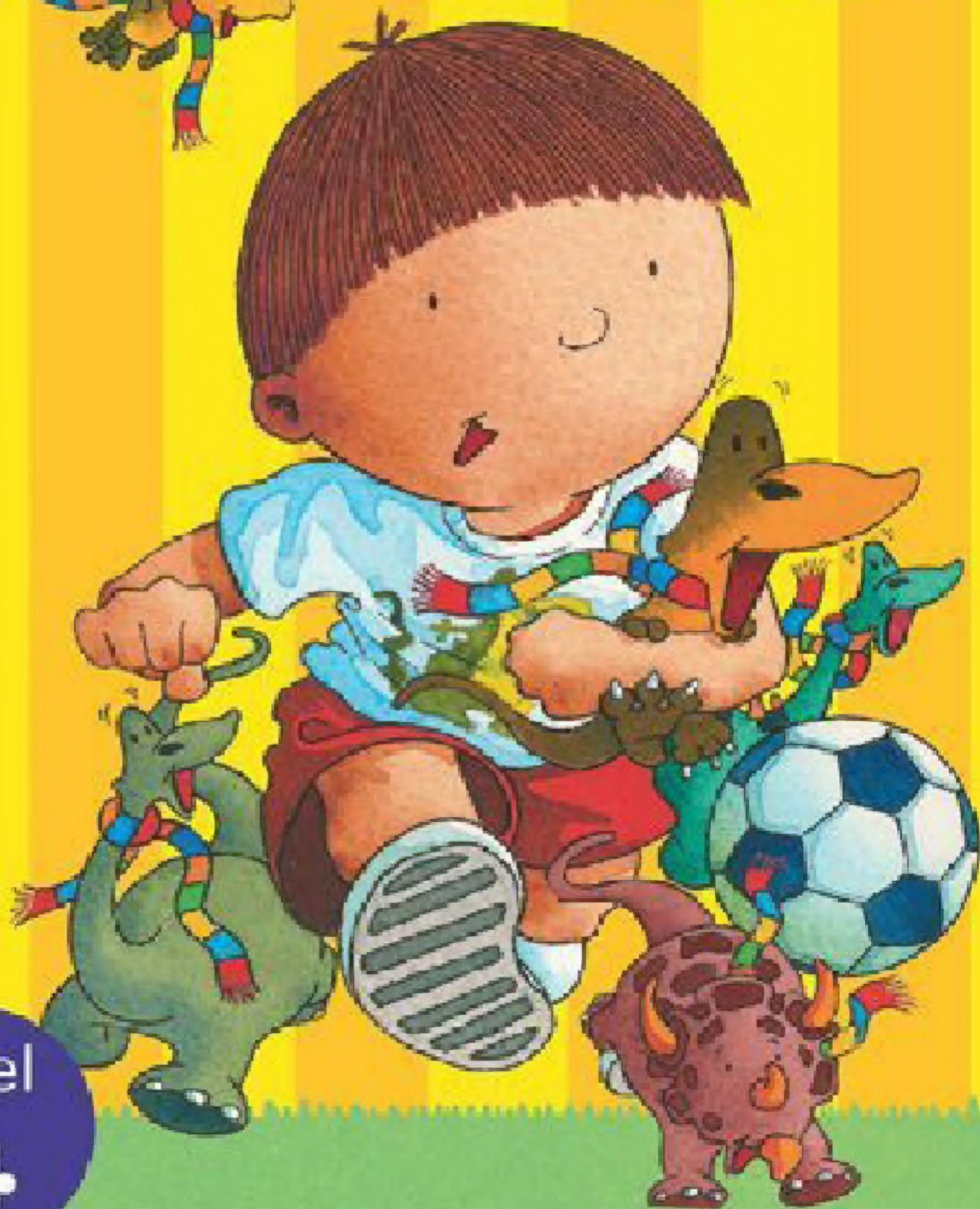




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Harry and the Dinosaurs United



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Note to parents, carers and teachers

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- Although your child will now be progressing towards silent, independent reading, let her know that your help and encouragement is always available.
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The children ran about everywhere, but they got in each other's way.



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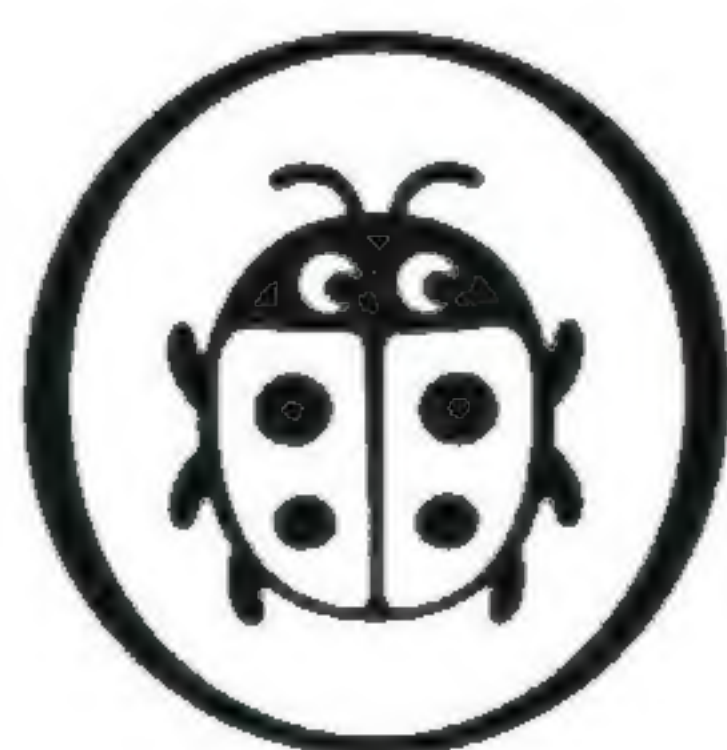
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Harry and the Dinosaurs United



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Harry and his dinosaurs went everywhere together.

When Harry went to the shops, the dinosaurs went to the shops.

When Harry went out to play, the dinosaurs went out to play.

And when Harry went to school, the dinosaurs went to school, too.



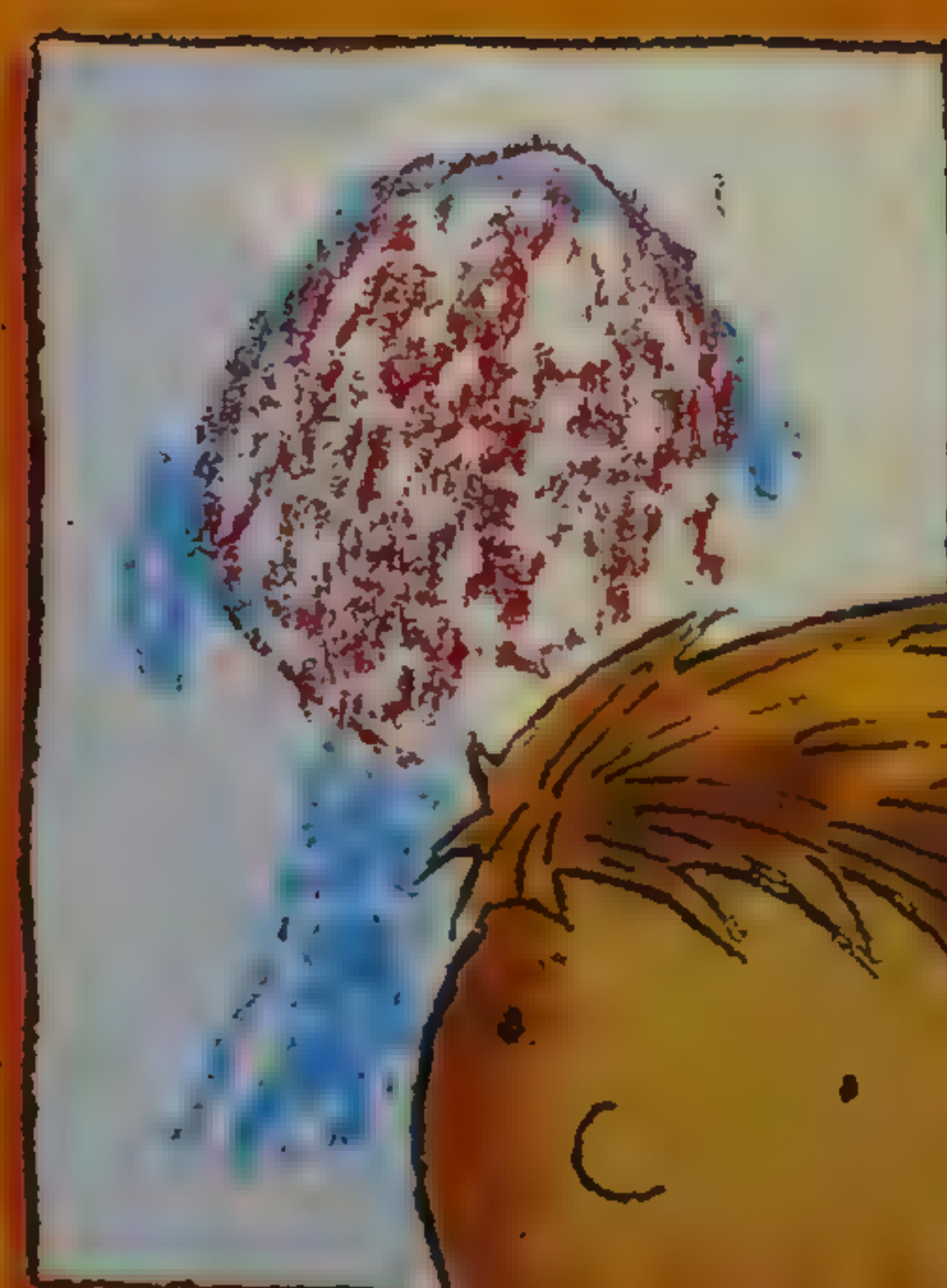
Harry was in Mrs Rance's class at school.

One day, Mrs Rance said,
“It's time for the school football competition. We need a class football team and our team will need a captain.”



Mrs Rance picked Harry to be the team captain. He was very excited.

The dinosaurs all wanted to play, so Harry picked them first. Then he picked the children for the rest of the team.





At play time, Harry and the dinosaurs talked about which position they wanted to play.

Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus wanted to play in goal.

Pterodactyl wanted to play on the wing.





After school, Harry and the rest of his team went to Mr Oakley's field to practise.

The children ran about everywhere, but they got in one another's way.





Then Harry's big sister, Sam,
turned up.

“Right!” she said. “All of you
can play against me!”



The dinosaurs all ran after Sam,
but they could not catch her.
When they were all puffed out,
she ran past them and scored.



“Your team is rubbish!” said Sam.
“I can beat them on my own. You
will never win the competition!”

Harry was so cross, he kicked the
ball hard into Mr Oakley’s field.





Nan and Mr Oakley came to see what the ball was doing in his field.

“Sam said our football team is rubbish,” said Harry.

“You’re not rubbish,” said Nan, “you just have to practise.”

“That’s right,” said Mr Oakley.

“Come back again and you can practise playing football against me and my old friends.”





So the next day, Harry and the rest of his team came back to Mr Oakley's field.

“Here we are, Harry,” said Mr Oakley. “We may look as old as your dinosaurs, but we can play football as well as you can.”





The dinosaurs were worried about playing. “We don’t want to be rubbish,” they said.

“Don’t be worried, my dinosaurs,” said Harry. “If you don’t want to play, you can be our mascotasauruses! We will have a Triceratops mascotasaurus, a Tyrannosaurus mascotasaurus and a Pterodactyl mascotasaurus.”





Harry knew that the way to win was to play together as a team.

“Right,” he said. “Don’t all run after the ball and get puffed out. Stay in position or run into a space and call for a pass.”





On the day of the competition,
Harry and the dinosaurs were
excited but worried.

The children in the other
team were older and bigger
than them.



Harry and his team each got
a mascotasaurus and ran on
to the football field.

“Come on, Dinosaurs United!”
they roared.





Harry's team played very well,
but at half time they were two
goals down.

“Time for a team talk,”
said Harry.





“Come on!” said Harry. “Play together and we can win!”

And the mascotasauruses
all roared,

“Let’s all get excited
for Dinosaurs United!”





In the second half, Harry and his friends played just like a real football team.

They stayed in position and passed the ball.

And with just seconds to go, they scored two goals.





Then Harry ran into a space.

He knew what to do. He called for the ball. “Pass it! Pass it!”



Harry kicked the ball as hard as
he could.

It went right in the top corner...





GOAL!

Harry had scored the winner.
Dinosaurs United had won!



On the way home, Mr Oakley said to Nan, “You can’t beat us old dinosaurs, can you?”

“Not when we play as a team!” said Harry.





How much do you remember about the story of Harry and the Dinosaurs United? Answer these questions and find out!

- Who does Mrs Rance pick to be team captain?
- Where do Harry and his team go to practise?
- Why does Harry get cross?
- Who do Harry and his team practise against?
- Who wins the football competition?



Unjumble these words to make words
from the story, then match them to the
correct pictures.

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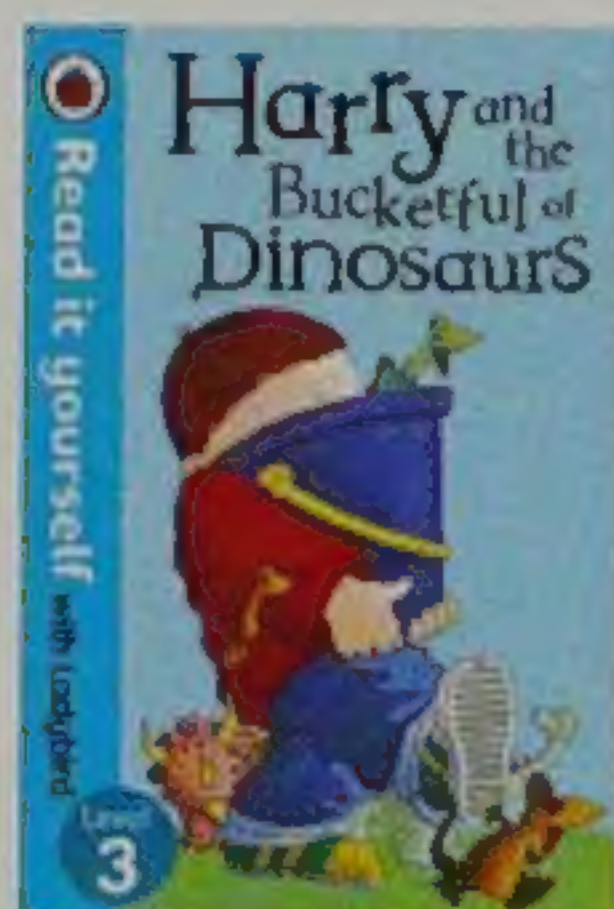
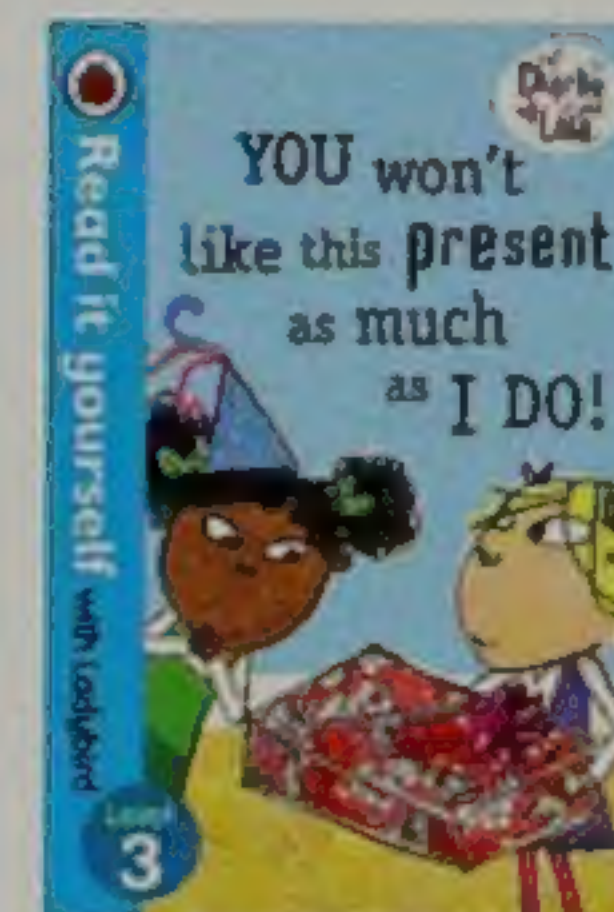
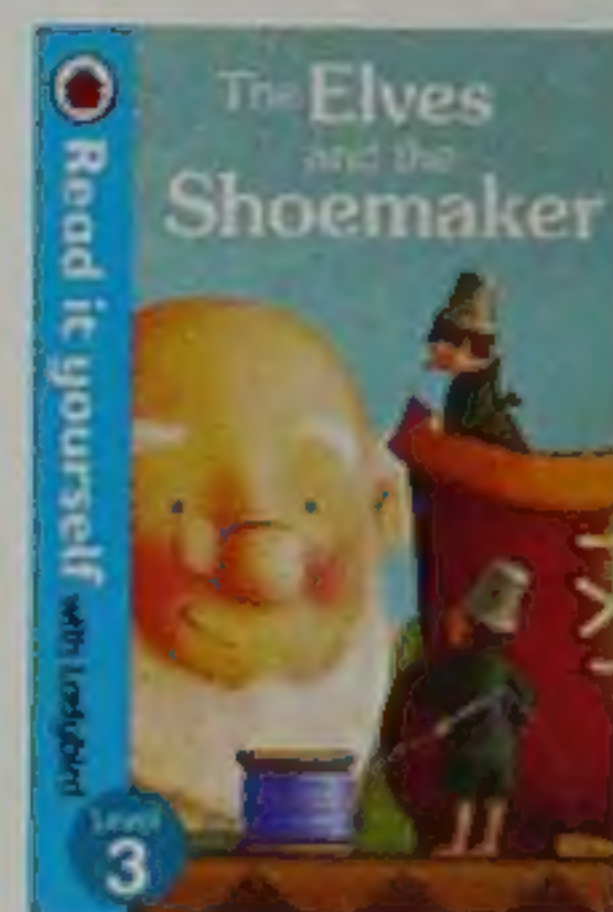


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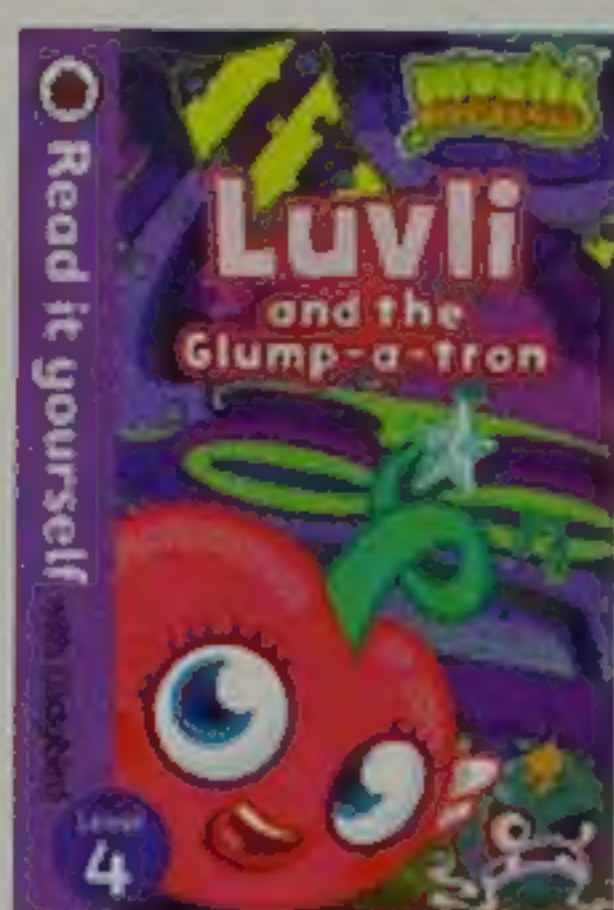
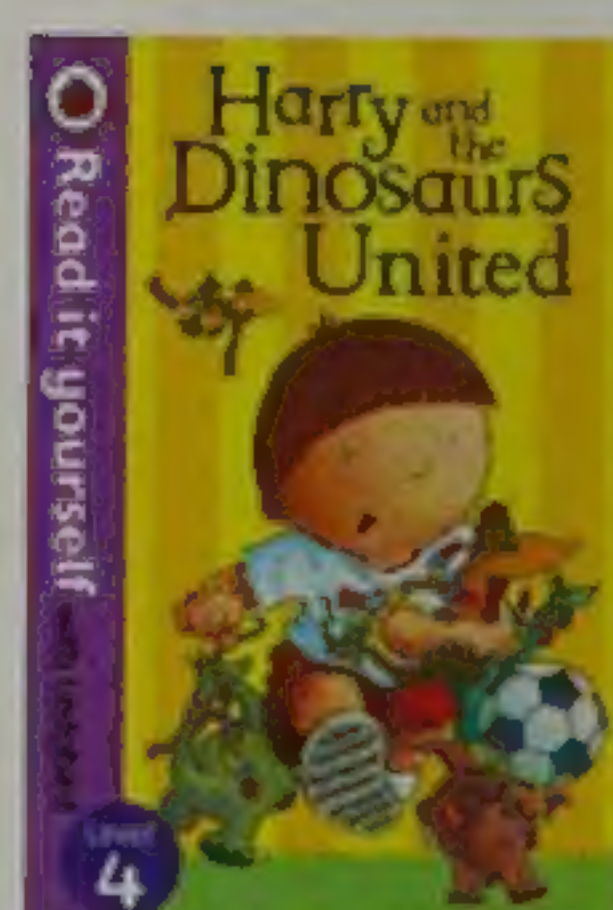
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